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Matadors win softball title, Grossmont, Christian in baseball final

by Marv Rosen

Led by the two-run home run by Carrie Belanger in the top of the fifth inning, Mount Miguel reversed last year's Div. II softball final, beating Scripps Ranch, 3-1, at UCSD on Saturday.

Scripps, which was ranked first in the state and the county going into the game and was seeking to extend its win-streak to 15 in the final, had won last year, 2-1.

It came close to being an all Grossmont League final as Grossmont High School had extended top-seeded Scripps Ranch to 14 innings before succumbing, 1-0 in the semifinal on Thursday.

In that game, neither team was able to mount any sort of an offense as the pitchers combined for a record 51 strikeouts for the game.

Grossmont's Maria Lopez had 22 Ks, in a losing effort, the second highest in league history, second only to the CIF record of 31 held by Jenny Stallard of Mount Miguel (19



Grossmont's Ryan Lehr belts the first of his three home runs against the Granite Hills Eagles in CIF Div. I quarterfinal action. The Foothillers won, 16-10, to avenge their only loss in league play.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger

innings, 1978).

For Scripps, Dana Sorenson recorded 29 Ks, second best in CIF history.

While some were surprised that the Hillers had made to the semis, coach Jerry Larud, said he wasn't. He said that

the team had made the semis last year with only one player lost to graduation.

Before the game, he had said that scoring against Scripps was going to be a problem, and he was certainly right.

In the other bracket, which pitted two Grossmont League teams against each other, second seeded Mount Miguel won by a 4-1 margin as West Hills was able to push only that one run across the plate.

The Wolf Pack had the bases loaded in the bottom of the first on two singles and a dropped third strike by the catcher with two outs and didn't score.

Then in the third inning, with runners on second and third and one out, the runner at second got picked off, forcing Jennifer La Russa on third to try to score; she almost eluded the catcher's tag.

One of the Matador's non-

league losses had been by a 2-0 score to West Hills in the Grossmont League tournament which pitted the North teams against the South.

Assistant varsity coach Jerry Oedewaldt of Mount Miguel didn't think that would make any difference and that with the intensity of being in the semis for the second consecutive year negated any added pressure from two league teams meeting.

West Hills coach Steve Sutton had commented that he had also expected to get this far and noted that if it went extra innings, his team had survived two consecutive games at the end of the season, 17 and 12 innings.

Valhalla and Santana had lost in the quarter finals of Div. I and III, respectively, where they were the only league entries in those divisions.

In baseball, third-seeded Grossmont took a 6-5 decision over top-seeded Rancho Bernardo in the div. I semifinal at USD on Saturday by scoring two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Hillers will face La Costa Canyon in the stadium on Thursday at 7 p.m.

El Capitan, which had advanced to the semis with a 6-4 win over La Jolla in Div. II,

lost to top-seeded USD High School, 2-1.

The Vaqueros thus lost an opportunity to try to reverse last year's final against defending champion Mission Bay.

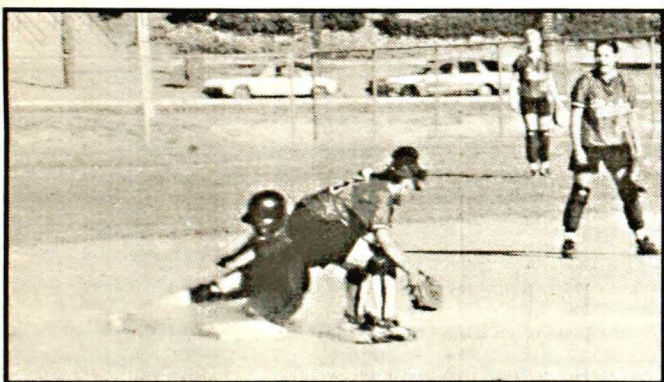
Fourth seeded Monte Vista lost (Div. I) in the quarter finals, and El Cajon Valley lost in the first round (II)

In a Div. I, Grossmont and Granite Hills had a slugfest in the quarterfinals, with the fourth seeded Hillers coming



In "bang-bang" play at first, the ball is in glove of Grossmont's Nicole Spencer an instant ahead of Scripps Ranch runner pitcher Dana Sorenson for an out. Scripps coach Danny Regas (left) thought she was safe. The CIF semifinal at Kit Carson Park in Escondido was won by Scripps in 14 innings, 1-0.

Photo by Marv Rosen



West Hills shortstop Jennifer La Russa successfully steals second base in first inning as her Matador counterpart, shortstop Nicole Geis received throw on wrong side of bag. The CIF semifinal at Kit Carson Park in Escondido Thursday found these two Grossmont League teams trying to reach finals. Second seeded Mount Miguel advanced with a 4-1 win.

Photo by Marv Rosen

Unity, experience lead Christian to top of state baseball rankings

by Joe Naiman

Christian High School's varsity baseball team finished the regular season with a 12-0 Harbor League record, a 23-2-1 overall record, and the top ranking in the state for schools of its size.

The record is an improvement over last year's team, which finished 19-10 after a loss in the CIF San Diego Section finals to Marian. This year, the Patriots are seeking not only a return to the CIF finals, but a CIF Division III title.

"We're a better team," said coach Mike Mitchell. "We just returned so many guys from last year's team. Last year was a learning experience."

The Patriots' starting lineup

this year consists of six seniors and three juniors, as the team returned 10 players from its 1996 runner-up season. Two of the juniors - shortstop Jeremy Griffin and second baseman Jon Cox - are batting over .400, and catcher Robert Pheasant, the other junior, closed out the regular season with a .385 batting average.

Three seniors are also hitting over .400: pitcher/infielder Matt Berry, centerfielder Trey Miller and rightfielder Josh Felice. Berry is 7-1 as a pitcher and Jason Price has a 7-0 win-loss record on the mound.

"We're a little better than we thought we might be. It's hard to play a whole baseball season and only lose two games," said Mitchell.

One of those losses was to University High School, the top-ranked team in Division II. The Patriots defeated Marian twice in league play, although they will probably need a third victory over the Crusaders to win the CIF title.

The highlights this year, according to Mitchell, include the wins over Marian, the top statewide ranking, and an undefeated league season.

He said he was not going to say that the Harbor League is the best league in the county, because it isn't, from top to bottom, but his team, Marian, Coronado and Madison are solid and can play anybody in the county, especially in Division III.

"Anything less than a CIF championship will not be a

successful year for us," said Mitchell.

He emphasized that this is

the best high school team he has ever coached, bar none, and

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Christian High School coach Mike Mitchell addresses team at a practice last Tuesday, prior to the team's CIF playoff game on Thursday. Christian had a first round bye.

Photo by Joe Naiman

Sheriff's Log

May 12-13, 1997

8300 blk. Blossom Hill Dr. Petty theft. \$200 value.

May 13, 1997

8200 blk. Broadway. Strong-arm robbery.

8100 blk. Golden Ave. Vehicle burglary. \$1,300 value.

7900 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$136 value.

May 14, 1997

1800 blk. Sonoma Ln. Auto theft. \$2,000 value.

May 15, 1997

7800 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$175 value.

7700 blk. Berry St. Auto theft. \$800 value.

7100 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Strong-arm robbery. \$220 value.

May 16, 1997

6500 blk. MacArthur Dr. Residential burglary. \$10 value.

May 17, 1997

3000 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Strong-arm robbery. Value unknown.

May 19, 1997

1800 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Auto theft. \$700 value.

May 20, 1997

8400 blk. Mt. Vernon. Residential burglary. \$337 value.

May 21, 1997

7400 blk. Canton. Auto theft. \$700 value.

Community Notes

Free smoke detectors offered seniors

Seniors who need a working smoke detector in their homes can have one installed free as part of a new program being launched by the San Miguel Fire district and the Burn Institute.

Firefighter Explorer Scouts, accompanied by San Miguel Fire district personnel, will install the smoke detectors in senior homes and answer any questions about fire safety.

"Smoke detectors are a must for every home today and particularly for seniors. These small and unobtrusive devices save lives," said Kathy Howard, public education specialist for the fire district.

People over 65 are more likely to die in home fires than any one else, and the risk more than doubles for those over 75. One way seniors can improve their safety is by making sure their homes are equipped with working smoke detectors.

To qualify for a free detector, applicants must own their dwelling, be 55 or older and be without a working smoke detector. Interested seniors should call the Burn Institute at 541-2277 or the San Miguel Fire District at 660-5359.

For advertising rates call Dan at 461-4306

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Lemon Grove Almanac

1994 Population:	25,100
Incorporated:	1977
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Median income:	\$34,399
1996-97 city budget:	\$26.3 million
1996 taxable sales:	\$265 million
Mayor:	Mary Teresa Sessom
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City Manager:	Doug Yount
Planning Director:	Jim Butler
City Attorney:	Gloria McLean
City Clerk:	Christine Taub
Sheriff's Capt.:	Yolanda Collins
Fire Chief:	Dale Chamberlain
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State Assembly district:	77th - Steve Baldwin
Supervisory district:	2nd - Dianne Jacob
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Libraries:	1
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Parks:	4
Recreation centers:	1

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Redevelopment Agency appoints Development Review Committee

by Cheryl Cohen

In order to analyze a number of aspects of the proposed "Broadway Entertainment and Shopping District" development in STA III (on Broadway and Massachusetts Avenue) by Old California Development Company, Lemon Grove's Redevelopment Agency has appointed a Development Review Committee.

The seven-member committee includes representatives from the redevelopment agency, planning commission, agency staff, chamber of commerce and a citizen of Lemon Grove. The members include councilmen and representatives from the Redevelopment Agency, Dwight Shelley and Jeff Jandura, Planning Commissioner Leonard Kottong, Vaughn Jacobs and Cookie Ringhand from the chamber, agency staff representative Douglas Yount and citizen Jerry Jones.

The first meeting of the committee will be held on May 29, and will discuss relevant development experience of the developer, relocation options for commercial/residential properties, financial capability of the developer to complete the project, tentative project schedule, and a review of the draft negotiating agreement between the city and the developer.

The second meeting will be on June 10, and will discuss issues of tenant interest, interest/participation of financial support, the review of a preliminary pro forma, potential of community impact and a review of the revised negotiating agreement.

The findings of the committee will be presented to the redevelopment agency on Jun 27, at 7 p.m. at the community center.

Lemon Grove Fire Log

May 9, 1997 through May 15, 1997 (Cont.)

7500 blk. Broadway. Assist motorist.
8200 blk. Alton Dr. Snake removal.
8200 blk. Broadway. Evaluate for the Sheriff.
8100 blk. Brock Ct. Difficulty breathing.
Buena Vista Ave./North Ave. Camp fire.
3100 blk. School Ln. Seizure.
2400 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Seizure.
1900 blk. El Dora St. Medical aid.
2800 blk. Glebe Rd. Medical aid.
3200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Incoherent.
Central Ave./Buena Vista Ave. Auto vs. pedestrian.
2000 blk. Skyline Dr. Difficulty breathing.
8300 blk. Broadway. Medical aid.
8000 blk. Roy St. Unknown medical.
7700 blk. Broadway. Fainting.
8300 blk. Broadway. Traffic accident.
Massachusetts Ave./La Corta St. Medical aid.
8300 blk. Blossom Ln. Overdose.
2000 blk. Main St. Assault victim.
8400 blk. Broadway. Unknown medical.
2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Fall.
Hwy 94 EB/Broadway. Vehicle accident freeway.
3200 blk. Olive St. Multifamily residential fire.
7200 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Fall.
7000 blk. Broadway. Fall.
7100 blk. West View Pl. Assault victim.
1700 blk. Skyline Dr. Unresponsive.
7500 blk. Broadway. Vehicle fire.
8100 blk. Broadway. Bleeding.
1800 blk. El Prado Ave. Chest pains.
8200 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Fall.
2800 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Fall.
7800 blk. Lester Ave. Assault victim.
8000 blk. Sarawak Dr. Evaluate for the Sheriff.
6800 blk. Federal Blvd. Possible stroke.
1800 blk. Bakersfield St. Vehicle fire.
Broadway/Main St. Medical aid.
2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Possible coroner's case.
3200 blk. Acacia St. Person down.
6900 blk. Central Ave. Vomiting.
3400 blk. Citrus St. Seizure.
7800 blk. Carlisle Dr. Unconscious.
7400 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Suicide/attempted suicide.
Broadway/Buena Vista Ave. Person down.
7900 blk. Broadway. Possible stroke.
3200 blk. Harris st. Seizure.
7100 blk. Broadway. Fall.
6900 blk. Federal Blvd. Vehicle accident.

Community Notes

Art association meets

Foothills Art Association, a non-profit group of local artists will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in The Ben Polak Fine Arts Theater in La Mesa. The theater is located next to Foothills Fine Arts Gallery at 8053 University Ave., between Allison Ave. and Baltimore Dr. Refreshments will be served before the meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Telephone 464-7167.

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Gary Jenkins starting to reap auto racing blessings

by Joe Naiman

Racing is Gary Jenkins' ministry. The side of his car contains the words "Jesus saves! He died for you." This year on Good Friday, Jenkins spent the evening at Parkway Plaza displaying his Sportsman Stocks car and signing autographs for children and other fans.

On May 10, the fourth-year Cajon Speedway racer won his first main event at the track. As an added blessing, Jenkins' 22-year-old son had just graduated from Westmont College and was able to see his father win his first race.

Jason Jenkins, who had

graduated with business education and theater arts degrees, had recently produced a play which raised \$30,000 for the abused women's shelter in Santa Barbara. He came back to El Cajon for Mother's Day and arrived the day of his father's successful race.

"It's like the Lord picked a perfect time for a win," said Gary Jenkins.

Jenkins had finished third in his heat race despite a crash in that race which sent him to the back of the pack.

In the main event, when two of the racers ahead of him were involved in a collision in the 14th lap, Jenkins moved up to

third. In the 17th lap, leaders Gary Tamborelli and Jerry Gay collided with each other, sending them both to the back and putting Jenkins in first.

Jenkins wasn't without troubles in the main event. Also in that 17th lap, he had dropped his microphone, making him unable to communicate with his pit crew.

He also lost the function of his car's starter when a collision two laps later forced a red flag stoppage; Jenkins' Monte Carlo required help from the track's push buggy to resume the race.

The number of crashes by that time led officials to count yellow flag laps, in which passing is not allowed. Track officials also chose to throw the checkered flag after a crash on the 28th lap.

Jenkins' winning time was 35 minutes, 31.04 seconds. The scheduled distance of the Sportsman Stocks main event is 30 laps on the 3/8 mile track.



Gary Jenkins (left) and fellow driver Bruce Bechtel confer following Jenkins win of the El Cajon Speedway main event on May 10.

Photo by Joe Naiman

A drivers' prayer is on Jenkins' dashboard. In addition to his divine assistance, Jenkins also attributed his win to concentrating and keeping consistent while on the oval.

Members of Jenkins' crew, Rick Lopez, Chris Morales, Mark Miller and crew chief

Larry Lyons worked on the car the night before until 3 a.m. and then came back at 7:30 that morning to prepare Jenkins for the asphalt.

After Jenkins' crash in the heat race, the crew was working on repairs until just before the Sportsman Stocks were to line up for the main event.

Jenkins also became the first Sportsman Stocks driver other than Mike Mendenhall to win a main event in 1997. Mendenhall had won the first four main events and was shooting to tie the Sportsman Stocks track record of five consecutive main event wins.

Jenkins grew up in Las Vegas and played minor league baseball in the California Angels' organization, reaching the Class AAA level. He made his racing debut at the Las Vegas track in 1970. In 1994 his son saw a racecar for sale, which encouraged Jenkins to get his start at the El Cajon track.

In addition to Jason, Gary has a 19-year-old son, Brad.

Praising the Lord was Jenkins' first action following the checkered flag which gave him the win.

Sports Beat

with Greg Eichelberger



The CIF play-offs have started. See our front page story on the Grossmont League teams in softball and baseball through their Saturday games.

First, we wish to congratulate Mount Miguel for winning the Div. II softball title and to Grossmont, in Div. I, and to Christian, in Div. III, for advancing to the finals at the stadium on Thursday. Miguel's win over the top-seeded Scripps Ranch reversed its loss last year. Grossmont, which was the top team in the league and its highest ranked team, will try to take it all this time after losing in the finals last season.

Congratulations to **Sean Bischofberger** (what a great name), of Granite Hills; **Joe Kennedy**, of El Cajon Valley; **Brian Doerr**, **Brett Caradonna** and **Mario Knorr** of El Capitan; and **Jason Canaris**, of Santana, all of whom finished in the top six in local prep baseball batting averages for the 1997 season, and all of whom batted over .500!

While still on the diamond, it seems that Grossmont College star second-sacker **Marcus Giles** has opted to sign a contract with the Atlanta Braves instead of taking his chances with the upcoming amateur draft. The Granite Hills alum broke seven community college batting records this year, and finished with a .485 average.

"The money (they offered) wasn't the biggest thing," he said, "but it was enough that I don't have to work for a couple of years, so I can just think about baseball." [I wonder if I can cut the same deal with my editor, Marv?]

The following is news only Norrie West could love: **Mike Rahn** (Helix), **Brian Hess** (Granite Hills), **Mike Zelke** (Monte Vista), **Gordon Stanley** (Valhalla), **Eric Sailors** (Monte Vista) and **Rick Johnson** (Valhalla) have been named to the first team All-Grossmont South League golf squad. Their North League counterparts are **John Lieber** (Grossmont), **Rob Smith** (El Capitan), **Mike McCann** (Grossmont), **David Griffis** (West Hills), **Anthony La Chappa** (El Capitan) and **Brian McClosky** (El Capitan).

Detroit Tigers star and Christian High grad, **Tony Clark**, along with Padres mainstay **Tony Gwynn** were named Professional Stars of the Month by the San Diego Hall of Champions, while West Hills softball pitcher, **Annie Van Oosbree**, was awarded the Prep Star of the Month by that same organization.

Children from eight to 14 are invited to the inaugural San Diego Chargers NFL Starter Play Football Camp from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 28 at Jack Murphy/Qualcomm Stadium. Sign-up forms are available at Robinson's-May, the Pro Image and Chicks stores.

It seems that the chickens really do come home to roost. After one year at USC, sophomore lineman **Pat Smith**, a graduate of Helix High, will transfer to San Diego State. The 6-foot-5, 270-pound long snapper said he is anxious to play for the Aztecs and coach **Ted Tollner** in the Western Athletic Conference.

Here's my two bowling stories for the year in one shot: Valley Bowl (at the corner of Bradley and Magnolia) is offering free classes for children ages five to 15. The dates are Monday, June 2 through Friday, June 7, at 3:30 p.m. each day. Call Valley Bowl at 562-6666 for more information.

Debbie Ayers of El Cajon, finished third at the Women's International Bowling Congress Queen's Tournament last month in Reno, Nev., and took home \$9,450 for her efforts.

April Radovich, a senior gymnast at Granite Hills, won the optional all-round competition at the CIF finals with a score of 37.775. This enabled her Eagles team to dethrone perennial champion Mount Carmel, 216 to 215. This feat earned her Athlete of the Week honors by the *Union-Tribune*.

How can fans enjoy the Padres games more? Well, besides viewing a better product on the field, how's about getting rid of that ridiculous scoreboard "golf ball race" thing sponsored by Callaway Golf, for a start? And then add Trey Beamon's spectacular catch against Atlanta last week to the rather lame Top Ten plays of the Year list.

You can add your name to the list, too. The long list of satisfied customers who have submitted sports information to this column. Just call 390-7103 and see how fun and easy it can be. And have a great week while you're at it.

Christian

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is the best team in the school's history.

Mitchell played at Coronado High School and after attending college at Southwestern and Grossmont community colleges, National University and the University of California San Diego, he became a non-athletic coach.

He owned Mike Ross schools which provide training for insurance, real estate and securities licenses.

Mitchell served as the baseball coach at Coronado High School for 15 years, but, two years ago the position at Christian became available. Mitchell had wanted to coach at a Christian school.

The year before Mitchell came to Christian, the Patriots had a losing record. "They were a little bit in shock the first day of practice when I told them they were going to the stadium," said Mitchell.

The CIF finals are played in what is now Qualcomm Stadium; the facility was called San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium last year and the Patriots proved the coach right.

This year the team isn't so overwhelmed. "We had all

been there before. We know what it takes," noted Mitchell.

Part of the formula for Christian's success is team unity. Trey Miller commented that we've got a lot of good looking guys and we play real well together, adding that we like each other, go out on dates and have fun with each other.

Mitchell concurred on the team unity, which he said was why it is doing so well.

He felt that the team slumped a bit during the end of the regular season because the players were gearing up for the CIF playoffs. He expects the team to be focused when the single-elimination post-season tournament pits it against every other Division III team seeking a CIF championship.

Oops!

In one of our front page stories in last week's sports issue, we inadvertently inserted a photo of El Capitan Athletic Director **Dick Wilkins**, which we had set aside for another story, for one of **Hans Van de Vrugt**, who was the subject of our story.

We hope Wilkins, who is not quite Van de Vrugt's age, will not prematurely get grey, and that Van de Vrugt will not have his many friends ask him about his getting younger so fast, and did he find the fountain of youth in Florida.

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